

Jester Brimston



Jester Hairston is a graduate of Tufts University, Boston, where he majored in music. He did further work in music theory at the Juilliard Institute of Music, New York. Hairston received the honorary degrees of Doctor of Music (1964) from the University of the Pacific, Stockton, Doctor of Fine Arts (1972) from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, and the Doctor of Music from Tufts University.

Hairston's professional career in music began in the Broadway show "Hello Paris" in 1930. He went to Hollywood as assistant conductor of the famous Hall Johnson Choir in 1936. He has an impressive list of credits as both an actor and a choral arranger, conductor. As an arranger, his film credits include: Green Pastures, Land of the Pharoahs, Friendly Persuasion, Carmen Jones, Duel in the Sun, The Foxes of Harrow, Red River, Portrait of Jenny. As an actor, Hairston has appeared in many movies and television shows, including: The Last Tycoon, The Lady Sings the Blues, "Harry O," "Green Eyes," and "That's My Mama."

In 1961 and 1963, the State Department sent Dr. Hairston to Europe where he taught American folk songs to singing groups in Germany, Finland, Yugoslavia, Austria, Norway, Denmark, and Sweden. He has made four similar trips to Africa, and one to Mexico during the past ten years.

Dr. Hairston will be in Copenhagen, Denmark, next month where he has been invited to conduct a Danish TV special of his songs. He will be directing a combined group of choirs chosen from competitions now being held in Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Finland, and Iceland.

Jester Hairston's choral arrangements of Afro-American folk songs and his own compositions, based on folk themes, have been popular among music educators for more than two decades. He is in constant demand as a choral clinician and lecturer.

THE VACAVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Presents

DR. JESTER HAIRSTON

INTERNATIONALLY KNOWN CHORAL

CONDUCTOR, ARRANGER, AND LECTURER

directing the combined choirs of

WILLIS JEPSON JR. HIGH, WILL C. WOOD JR. HIGH

and

VACAVILLE HIGH SCHOOLS

CHORAL DIRECTORS

Willis Jepson Jr. High...Velma Fruhling

Will C. Wood Jr. High....Jim Yowell

Vacaville High School....Marianna Pokorny

Accompanist: Marc Ferguson

Admission free
8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 30, 1977
Vacaville High School
Gymnasium

PROGRAM

"I Can Tell the World" Arr. by Hairston

"Settin' Round the Fire" Jester Hairston

"Mary's Little Boy Chile" Jester Hairston

Soloists: Bob Locke, Michael Simmons,
Andre Jackson

"Who'll Be A Witness For My Lord" Arr. by Hairston

"Hold My Mule While I Dance Josey" Jester Hairston

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"Gossip, Gossip" Betty Hall Jones & Jester Hairston
Soloist: Dr. Hairston

"I Want Jesus" Arr. by Hairston

"Angels Rolled De Stone Away" Arr. by Hairston

Soloists: Eugene Cole, Dr. Hairston

Obbligato: Bettsie Burns, Melanie Payne, Karen Stevens,
Katy Gabel, Rene Brown, Becky Eisler,
Pam Gardner, Lisa Secrist, Debbie Ferrell,
Lynne Broyles, Monica Lambertson,
Eve Schoellmann

"Amen" (Spiritual) Jester Hairston

Soloist: Dr. Hairston

VACAVILLE HIGH SCHOOL CONCERT CHOIR

Anna Allen
Pam Archer
Jean Arzheimer
Ted Baker
Melodee Beeland
Wayne Berry
Jo Bigelow
Lynette Bottoms
Tonya Bowles
Lynne Broyles
Monika Burtzlander
Dianne Cannon
Dinese Cardinell
Juanita Claxton
Eugene Cole
Elaine Connolly
Hank Corey
Robin Cornelius
Vickie Davis
Daniel Duncan
Laura Dykes
Debbie Ellis
Sally Fernandez
Debbie Ferrell
Roger Gabbard
Patricia Gillette
Mary Goble
Patricia Griffin
Sandy Gross
Karen Groulx
Lori Grundberg
Kim Hall
Chuck Harper
Denise Harper
Kathy Healey
Barbara Hughes
Randy Hurley
Richard Hurst
Todd Kidder
Sherrie Kirker
Kerrie Knutsen
Gina Kross
Monica Lambertson

Linda Langston
Patricia Lee
David Leewright
Richard Lowdon
Angela Martinez
Becky McCord
Shirley McMurdie
Bob McQueen
Sharon Mitton
Tim Moore
Valarie Morris
Toni Morse
Domenique Norris
Monique Norris
Mike Novak
Bonnie Parker
Tammy Phillips
Rhonda Price
Pam Regaller
Ira Ring
Diane Roessler
Dan Rubio
Eve Schoellmann
Ken Scruggs
Dyan Schrieber
Ann Selmes
Michael Simmons
Ron Smith
Suvi Smith
Danie Teter
John Trapp
Lonnie Turner
Robin Uhler
Lisa Van Loo
Georgia Vasquez
Joan Welch
Gary Williams
Lynda Wilson
Mike Winstead
Rosalie Zupo

String Bass: Hal Imbrie

WILLIS JEPSON JUNIOR HIGH CONCERT CHOIR

Charla Archer	Doug Gonzales	Bob Looke
Tina Bates	Chris Goode	Dottie Nicholson
Cliff Benedetti	Dana Gustafson	Scott Ohlhausen
Evelyn Boykin	Clark Hampton	Melanie Payne
Lisa Bradley	Mary Hardesty	Camryn Reynolds
Sarah Bradley	Darlene Hatcher	Louis Ring
Bettsie Burns	Sherrie Hawk	Bryan Robinson
David Capellino	Cindy Heber	Wayne Rush
Steve Chambers	Heidi Hemming	Robin Scott
Chris Chapman	Bigi Horn	Clayton Seals
Cathy Combest	Andre Jackson	Karen Stevens
Kathryn Davis	Tracye Johnson	Kelly Stevens
Brandy Dean	Shelley Jones	Chris Sunderman
Tanya Dicks	Teresa Judkins	Kim Sunderman
Alison Dietrich	Matt Kidby	Randy Vaughan
Mark Dietrich	Mike Kidby	Cathie Walker
Rob Flanigan	Dee Ann Krannichfeld	Kevin Walker
Mike Fortunato	Karen Krauth	Mary Walters
Jenny Gabel	Danielle Landaiche	Tim Wamble
Katy Gabel	Jimmy Lee	Joann Wilken
Joe Garlett	Grace Lee	Kim Young
Margaret Garlett	Arline Lemeschewsky	Jeanne Zuercher

WILL C. WOOD JUNIOR HIGH CONCERT CHOIR

Lynn Alloway	Cindy Freeze	Suzzane McQueen
Terri Bickel	David Fulton	Julie Mezzano
Carl Broussard	Melodi Gale	Amy Miller
Renee Brown	Pam Gardner	Kim Napewocki
Linda Cannon	Renee Grenny	Lisa Pearman
Debbie Coffie	Robin Grenny	Joanne Price
Debbie Collins	Karrie Hoffert	Geraldine Rodekopt
Janet Condie	Lenee Hollister	Liz Rubinato
Dewey Cope	Kim Jenkins	John Schultz
Cecelia Doherty	Schulanda Jones	Lisa Secrist
Becky Eisler	Doris Korff	Tim Shockley
Russ Elder	Lila Lorenz	Mike Stevens
Emily Fernandez	Linda Lorenz	Ricky Williams
Dina Fienger	Dorina Lucas	Celcste Young
Todd Frank	Robin McDonald	

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